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In re Application of)
Richard L. Eby et al.)
Application No. 08/908,872)
Filed: August 8, 1997)
For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR WITH)
PLANAR CONTACT ENGAGING)
SYSTEM)

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration of petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, filed November 5, 2002, via facsimile transmission, to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed June 16, 1999. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 15, 2000.

Petitioner originally states that a response was in fact timely filed. The response was the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA). To support this assertion, petitioner has submitted a copy of a return postcard which acknowledges receipt of a CPA, a petition for an extension of time of three (3) months and an extension of time fee of \$ 870.00 on December 10, 1999. A copy of the response was submitted with the petition.

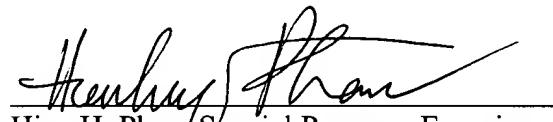
The request for reconsideration is accompanied by a Terminal Disclaimer and a Revocation and Power of Attorney.

The holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn and the Notice of Abandonment vacated.

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The application filed is being forwarded to the technology center staff for processing the new power of attorney, the Terminal Disclaimer and the CPA. From there, the application will be returned to the examiner for further examination.


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